PRIEST'S SKILL SAVED LIFE OF DOOMED MAN

Remarkable Scientific Testimony of Jesuit Which Upset Jury's Verdict Recalled.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 13.—This summer the completion by the Rev. William F. Rigge, S. J., astronomer and physicist, of his twenty-fifth continuous year on the staff of Creighton University, gave occasion for brief mention in the press of a practical astronomical feat which at the time of its accomplishment attracted notice throughout the country and abroad.

In 1910 a man was being tried in the criminal court at Omaha, on the charge of having deposited with malicious intent, on the porch of a prominent citizen, a suitcase containing dynamite. The suitcase had been found at 2,50 o'clock Sunday afternoon, May 22. Two girls, aged respectively, 11 and 17, testified that a little before 3 o'clock, they had seen in the neighborhood of the house, a man answering the description of the accused, carrying a suitcase like the one found. Counsel for the defense learned that the girls were supposed to have seen the man after coming from a church a mile away, at which they had posed twice for the camera. He obtained copies of the pictures and a shadow on one of them suggested that the time of the photograph might be determined by an astronomer. If the time were later than ten minutes before 3 the girls' testimony would be invalidated.

Father Rigge Testifies.

Father Rigge, being consulted, took careful measurements with the help of a surveyor, and making calculations by four methods, arrived at results none of which differed by more than fourteen seconds from the mean, which was 3 o'clock, twenty-one minutes and twenty-six seconds. He testified at the trial that, allowing a broad margin, the picture had been taken within one minute of 3 o'clock, twenty-one minutes and two seconds P. M., and the vote of the jury was split.

In the second trial the prosecuting attorney saw that it was necessary to belittle the astronomical evidence, and by sarcasm and joking at the expense of scientific men in general, he kept the jury in continuous laughter, and obtained a verdict of guilty, with a sentence of fifteen years in the penitentiary.

The defense appealed to the Supreme Court of Nebraska, which decided that the condemnation had been made on insufficient evidence; and in preparing for a third trial, the prosecution, turning to science, which it had ridiculed, asked G. D. Swezey, professor of astronomy at the University of Nebraska, to make another computation of the time. After the professor, with entirely independent measurements and calculations arrived at a result that differed by only twenty-nine seconds from the time given by Father Rigge, thus falling decidedly within the one minute margin, the prosecution was abandoned.

Naturally the trials and the testimonies had engaged the public attention. The first anniversary of the taking of the photograph had been partly cloudy, but when the second anniversary approached, Father Rigge, writing in the daily press, predicted confidently that the shadow would again be in the same spot at twenty-one and one-half minutes after 3 o'clock, and he invited all who would, to come to the place and verify his prediction. A press photographer snapped the shadow, first one minute before the time, then exactly at the moment designated, then one minute later, and whereas the first and third pictures showed the shadow unmistakably below and above the original position, the second picture made it evident to the most sceptical and unscientific critic, that Father Rigge's calculation had not missed the precise point of time by more than a few seconds.

A Triumph of Science.

This small but highly practical triumph of science was reported and commented on not merely from coast to coast, but in foreign countries and in foreign tongues. The pictures were reproduced in the daily papers and in scientific publications, while articles under the titles of "A Shadow in Court," "Saved by a Shadow," and similar captions, entertained readers of English and other languages in all parts of the world.

This is probably the most notable of all the directly practical services which Father Rigge has rendered by means of astronomy, but the occasions have been numerous on which he has given valuable, though less vital assistance to persons who have applied to him.

ANOTHER REMARKABLE CURE REPORTED FROM LOURDES

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Paris, Oct. 7.—The Lorraine pilgrimage to Lourdes was marked by edifying and splendid offices at the Basilica, prayers at the grotto, processions and other devotions. The Bishops of Strassburg, Nevers and Liege were present at all the manifestations.

Improvement of two patients from Sarreguemines and one from Strassburg were observed. A woman, who had suffered from tuberculosis of the lungs for ten years was reported as cured. This woman had received the last Sacraments before her departure for Lourdes, and made the whole journey on a stretcher. She left Lourdes in good health, and was able to walk.

While discussing the cure, she made the following statement:

"I am forty-eight years old. I am the widow Wiedenfoechen; my home is at 51 Rue du Parc at Sarreguemines. For ten years I have suffered from tuberculosis of the lungs and for nine years I have had to keep to my bed, as I fainted whenever I tried to go about from one place to another. I had hemorrhages about twice a month. I remember nothing about my departure for Lourdes. I only know one thing, and that is that on September 17, in the evening, they wanted to give me the last Sacraments because I was so ill. On Sunday, the eighteenth, during the procession of the Blessed Sacrament, I felt a sharp pain in the chest, just as though my bones were scraping each side. Then I lost consciousness. I was told later that my face became purple and blue. When I regained consciousness I was standing in the midst of a crowd which was pressing about me, and from which the stretcher-bearers were trying to protect me. That is all that I can tell you. Since then I have been able to eat, and go and come; but the doctors of the medical bureau of Lourdes have told me to go slowly."

The circumstances were confirmed at Lourdes by four doctors of the medical bureau, but, however, on account of the nature of the illness, the final confirmation has been delayed for a year, according to the usual custom in such cases.

LADIES OF SAN DOMINGO START FALL ACTIVITIES

The card party and reception given by the Ladies of San Domingo on last Wednesday evening, at K. of C. Hall, Thirty-eighth and Market streets, under the direction of Miss Mary A. Quinlan and Mrs. Joseph Sheridan was a social and financial success. This is one of the many affairs to be given in aid of the building fund for San Domingo.

There will be a social party given by Mrs. Frank J. Temple on the evening of October 26, for the same object, and a hallow'een party will be given on October 29, at 1512 Spruce street.

The Friday night "Soirees" are still proving to be very enjoyable affairs and are very well attended by the younger members of San Domingo Council and the ladies. Mrs. Hall and Miss Mary Cronin are in charge of the refreshment end of these affairs and are said to be realizing a good sum for the building fund.

A short sketch under the direction of Mr. Lapetina is being arranged by the dramatic association of the young men of San Domingo, and the ladies, and will be produced in the near future. The String Music Club under the leadership of Miss Maris Mason is also doing active work. The choral held its first rehearsal, under the direction of Thomas F. Hogan, on last Thursday evening. The Thimble Club is working for the various orphanages at which places they gather to sew on certain days.

The social session at the meeting held on Friday of last week, was addressed by the Rev. F. H. McKernan, of St. Francis de Sales' Church on the subject of "Higher Education."

HOLY CHILD ALUMNAE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Holy Child Alumnae resumed its bi-monthly meetings at the Catholic Girls' High School last Sunday. Plans were discussed for a theatre benefit to be held early in November. Announcement was made by the directress of the formation of a class in civics, under the direction of Mr. Rafter, to be held each Monday evening at St. Leonard's Academy, 3833 Chestnut street.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Miss Frances G. Yetman; vice-president, Miss Mary Murphy; financial secretary, Miss Marie Blakely; recording secretary, Miss Helen Fallon; corresponding secretaries, Miss Margaret Rhodes and Miss Anna Tierney; treasurer, Miss Pauline Klaiss.

SAN DOMINGO COUNCIL SOIREES PROVE POPULAR

The Friday evening "Soirees" given by the members of San Domingo Council of the Knights of Columbus are said to be the most popular affairs of their kind ever undertaken by the council.

The "Soirees" are held in the new home of the Council, at 1512 Spruce street, on each Friday evening and are declared to be constantly growing in popularity. Each week the programme varies and entertainment of a very delightful nature is supplied which is followed by a reception. William T. McFarland is chairman of the committee in charge and William J. Fealey is treasurer.

Entertains Staff at Dinner.

The board of directors and staff of the White-Williams Foundation were entertained at dinner on Friday evening of last week, by Mrs. Edward Woolman, in her home at Haverford. Miss Sarah E. Loughlin, who is the staff representative of the Philadelphia parochial schools, was present.

Alumnae to Hold Reception.

The weekly reception of the St. Joseph Alumnae will take place at the usual time this (Saturday) afternoon in the Catholic Girls' High School. The Misses Elizabeth Bocker, Catharine Feerick, Margaret Henigan, and Anna May Kilgallon will be hostesses.

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ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION WILL GIVE CARD PARTY

The annual euchre and reception held by the student body at Villanova College will take place on Wednesday evening, October 26. This is expected to far surpass former affairs of the kind. Many handsome souvenirs which will appeal to both young and old will be awarded during the evening. Music will also be an added attraction, which will be furnished by the college orchestra.

The euchre, which is a separate affair, will be given in the main college building, while the reception will be held in the new gymnasium. Both will begin promptly at 8.30 P. M.

All the friends of Villanova have been invited to attend, as the proceeds will go to furthering athletic activities at the college.

TO GIVE MAJOR DEGREE TO LARGE K. OF C. CLASS

The Third or Major Degree of the Knights of Columbus will be exemplified to a large class of candidates of the Second Pennsylvania District, tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon.

The degree will be given by District Deputy James J. Freeman, in the K. of C. Hall, Thirty-eighth and Market streets, and is scheduled to begin at 1.30 o'clock.

Councils in the second district include: San Domingo, Marquette, De Soto, Brownson, La Rabida and Charles Carroll.

RADIO CLUB IS FORMED AT ST. JOSEPH'S PREP.

An organization which is declared to be unique among the high school clubs of the city was recently formed at St. Joseph's College High School when the Radio Club held its first meeting and elected officers for the coming year.

The purpose, it was declared, is to arouse in the student body an interest in radio activity, and to afford the more experienced operators an opportunity to use the St. Joseph's College radio station, which the Government has recognized as one of the best in the vicinity. Three of the members are licensed operators and maintain private sending stations at their homes.

The officers elected are: President, Raymond A. Ryder, '22 A; vice-president, John J. Guinan, '24 B; secretary-treasurer, Joseph B. Gaidurgis. The faculty moderator is the Rev. Mr. John P. Delaney, S. J., professor of physics in St. Joseph's College.

The High School's opening football game with Germantown High School was reported by wireless by members of the club, and the score was afterwards flashed broadcast from the sending station at the college.

TO INSTALL NEW OFFICERS.

At the regular meeting of Philadelphia Council of the Knights of Columbus, to be held in the headquarters, 1324 North Broad street, on next Tuesday evening, District Deputy James F. Connor will install the recently elected officers. Following the installation the First Degree will be conferred upon a large number of applicants.

Give Testimonial Entertainment.

A testimonial entertainment was tendered to Patrick J. Sieyes, former president of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Holy Name Society, on Sunday evening of last week. Mr. Sieyes, who had been president of the organization for three years, retired last December. He was presented with a Holy Name Society gold button by the Rev. Joseph P. Mooney. Edward Burke was chosen president.

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SCOUT DIRECTOR EXTOLS BENEFITS OF MOVEMENT

The aims and merits of the Boy Scout movement were summed up recently by one of the local directors, who defined the movement as "a programme of character building, citizenship development and leisure time healthful activity for boys."

This programme, he declared, was educational as well as recreational, and so planned as to keep within the limits of the boy's capabilities, and yet to stimulate his interest to continued effort, being at the same time so balanced as to help him vocationally and yet not lose sight of his good health.

Resourcefulness out of doors, he pointed out, is one of Scouthood's first lessons, and a sense of responsibility in emergencies as well as in the ordinary walks of life is thoroughly instilled. The spirit of the "good turn" which the members rapidly develop, he declared a healthy principle to carry into life.

To the broad scope of the movement he ascribed its wonderful success, with the work of the scout leaders as a second important factor. It is this adult companionship and example that carries much weight in the instilling of the lessons of the Scout oath and law, he said, and to the leaders he gives the credit for inculcating the spirit of the "good turn," the spirit of social service and its consequent beneficial reaction upon the community at large. He termed the leaders of the "keystone of the Scout movement," and praised the high ideals which prompted them to sacrifice a part of their time from their business to devote to companionship with the boys under their care.

CATHOLIC SCOUT TROOP WINS MEET AT EL PASO

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 17.—The Boy Scout troop of St. Patrick's Cathedral, this city, is rejoicing over its victory scored in the recent city athletic meet, in which it captured first honors with 123 points. Trinity Methodist Church was second, with eighty-one points, and the First Presbyterian Church third, with fifty-seven points.

A new recreational ground was recently fitted up at St. Patrick's Cathedral for the Boy Scout troop, which is one of the most active in this section of the country.

WILL AID BUILDING FUND.

"Everybody welcome," the first half of the famous K. of C. slogan, has been adopted by Mrs. Frank J. Temple, for the "Social Party" which she has arranged for next Wednesday evening at 1512 Spruce street. The latter half, "everything free," will not hold as the "party" is being given to raise funds for the new San Domingo home and a nominal charge will be made. Some unique entertainment features are promised.

Will Hold Euchre and Reception.

A progressive euchre and reception in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held in the Epiphany Hall, Twelfth and Jackson streets, on next Tuesday evening.

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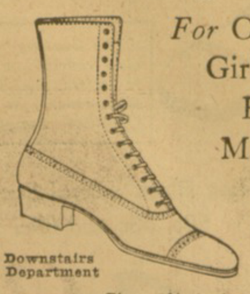

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EXPRESS ADMIRATION FOR DAIL.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

London, Oct. 10.—The Irish Self-Determination League of Great Britain, at its first meeting held since the truce was declared, has telegraphed members of Dail Eireann, assuring them of its admiration of their conduct in negotiating with the British Government and declaring that the elected representatives of Ireland have the full and hearty support of the Irish population of Great Britain.

TO TRANSFER BISHOP'S BODY.

London, Oct. 6.—The body of the late Monsignor Bagshawe, third Bishop of Nottingham, and subsequently titular Archbishop of Selucia, is to be transferred from its present resting place at Isleworth, near London, and placed in the crypt of St. Barnabas' Cathedral in Nottingham, where it will lie beside the bodies of the late Bishop Brindle and of Bishop Willson, who ruled over the Catholics of Nottingham before the English Hierarchy was restored by Pope Pius IX.

Workmen in Scotland Suffering.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Glasgow, Oct. 9.—The St. Vincent de Paul Society reports that great distress prevails among Catholic workers on the west coast of Scotland, a majority of whom are Irish. An urgent call for help has been sent out and the Vincentians are exerting every possible effort to raise funds. The outlook for winter is serious at present. The position of the workers is worse than at any time since the trade depression set in. Most of the suffering is in the Diocese of Glasgow.

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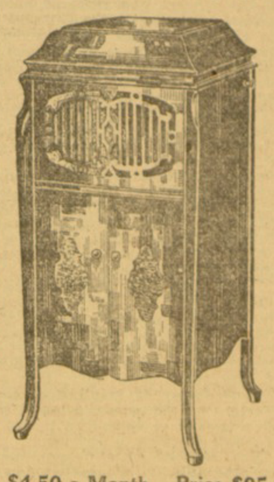

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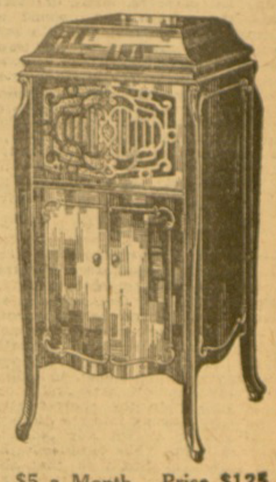

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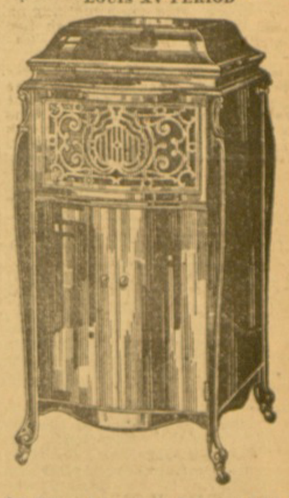

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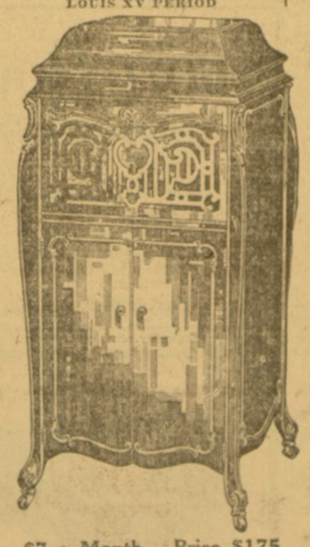

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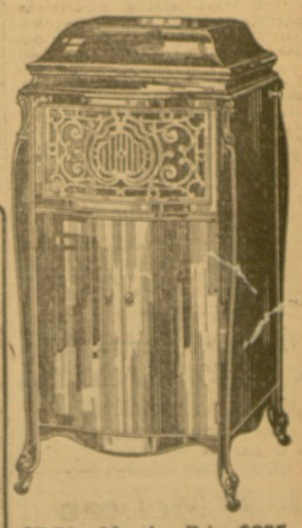

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